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ARTICLE 1 – In General

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Criminal Contempt

1. The Court has power to punish for contempt of its authority for the following offenses:
 - a. Misbehavior of any person in its presence or so near thereto as to obstruct the administration of justice;
 - b. Misbehavior of any of its officers in their official transactions; or
 - c. Disobedience or resistance to its lawful writ, process, order, rule, decree or command.
2. A criminal contempt proceeding under this section is not a bar to subsequent prosecution for a specific offense if the court certifies in the judgment of conviction of criminal contempt, or the order terminating the proceeding without acquittal or dismissal, that a summary criminal contempt proceeding was necessary to prevent repetition of misbehavior disruptive of an ongoing proceeding and that subsequent prosecution as a specific offense is warranted.
3. This section shall not be construed to deprive a court of its power, by civil contempt proceedings, to compel compliance with its lawful writ, process, order, rule, decree or command or to compensate a complainant for losses sustained by reason of disobedience or resistance thereto, in accordance with the prevailing usage's of law and equity, including the power of detention.

13.0102 Hindering Proceedings by Disorderly Conduct

A person is guilty of an offense if the person recklessly or intentionally hinders an official city proceeding by noise or violent or tumultuous behavior or disturbance.

13.0103 Interference with Officers

No person in the City shall resist any police or fire officer, any member of the police or fire departments, or any person duly empowered with police or fire authority, while in the discharge or apparent discharge of duty, or in any way interfere with or hinder in the discharge of duty.

13.0104 False Alarms or False Reports

No person in the City shall intentionally make, turn in, or give a false alarm of fire, or of need for police or ambulance assistance, or aid or abet in the commission of such act. No person in the City shall make to, or file with, the police department of the City any false, misleading or unfounded statement or report concerning the commission or alleged commission of any crime occurring in the City.

ARTICLE 2 – Offenses Against Public Order, Health, Safety and Sensibilities

13.0201 Curfew, General Regulations – Penalty

1. As used in this Section, unless the context or subject matter otherwise requires:
 - a. “Juvenile” for the purpose of this ordinance means a person less than sixteen (16) years of age.

- b. “Parents” means the legally appointed father and/or mother, or the natural father and/or mother, or the person or persons in charge of or in control of said juvenile herein defined including a bona fide employer of said juvenile.
 - c. “Curfew hour” means the time of night, which is designated as 11:00 o’clock PM.
 - d. “Sounding of the curfew” means the sound emitted by a single blast of the fire siren, sounded at the curfew hour.
2. Each night of the year there shall be a sounding of the curfew at the curfew hour. It shall be unlawful for any juvenile as herein defined to be abroad upon the streets, alleys, public grounds of the City, public places of amusement, or retail or wholesale business establishments, between the curfew hour and 5:00 o’clock AM of the following day unless accompanied by a parent as defined herein. Any juvenile violating this provision of this ordinance, in addition to the other punishments prescribed in this ordinance, shall be detained by the authorities until picked up by parent as defined herein.
- It shall be unlawful for any parents to allow their juveniles as herein defined to be abroad upon the streets, alleys, public grounds of the City, public places of amusement, or retail or wholesale business establishments between the curfew hour and 5:00 o’clock AM of the following day unless accompanied by a parent as herein defined.
3. A violation of this Section shall be an infraction. Any person violating any of the terms or provisions of this Article shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00).

ARTICLE 3 – Sentencing

13.0301 Classification of Offenses

Offenses against the ordinances of this city are divided into two (2) classes, as follows:

- 1. Offense or Class B Misdemeanor, for which a maximum penalty of thirty (30) days imprisonment, a fine of one thousand dollars (\$1,500.00), or both, may be imposed.
- 2. Infraction, for which a maximum fine of one thousand hundred dollars (\$1,000.00) may be imposed. Any person convicted of an infraction who has, within one year prior to commission of the infraction of which he was convicted, been previously convicted of an offense classified as an infraction in state statutes or the ordinances of this or any other North Dakota city may be sentenced as though convicted of an offense. If the prosecution contends that the infraction is punishable as an offense, the complaint shall so specify unless the prosecution is unable with reasonable effort to learn of the prior conviction prior to execution of the complaint.
- 3. All violations of the provisions of the Ordinances of this city are offenses unless specifically labeled infractions or unless a different classification or punishment is specifically authorized.
- 4. The penalties listed shall not be construed to prohibit the utilization of the sentencing alternatives, other than a fine or imprisonment, provided by section 12-1-32-02 of the North Dakota Century Code and Section 13.0502, for the violation of a city ordinance, nor does this section limit the use of deferred or suspended sentences.
(Source: North Dakota Century Code sections 12.1-32-01 and 40-05-06)

ARTICLE 4 – Penalties

13.0401 Penalty for Violation of Chapter

Any person who is convicted of violating or of failing to comply with any of the provisions of the ordinances contained in this chapter for which a penalty is not specifically set forth, may be punished by a fine of not more than one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500.00) or by imprisonment not to exceed thirty (30) days, or both. (Source: North Dakota Century Code Section 40-05-06)